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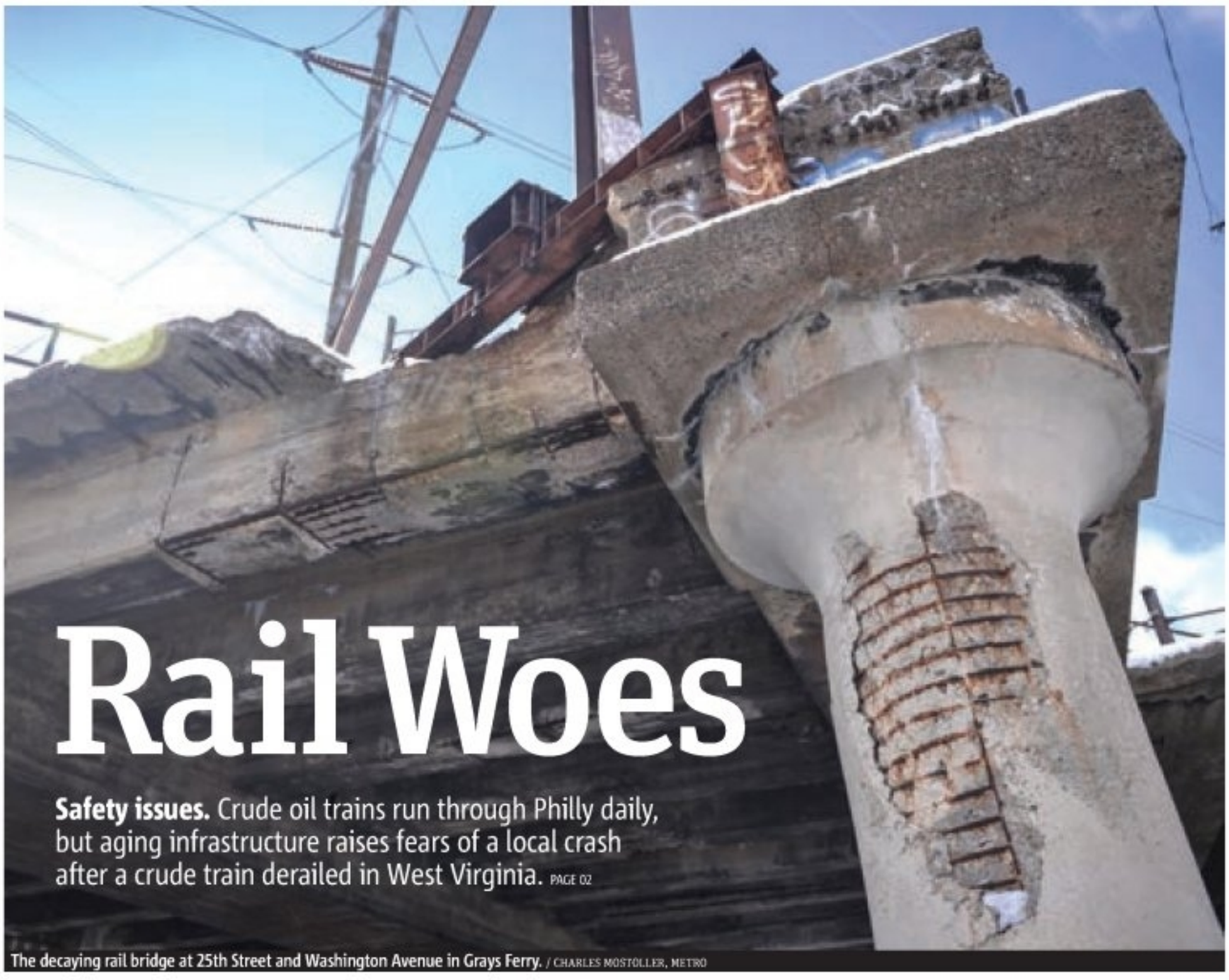

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Rail worries in Philly over oil tanker route

Broken rails. Crude oil trains run through Philly daily, but aging infrastructure raises fears of a local crash after a crude train derailed in West Virginia.

With cleanup efforts still ongoing a day after trains carrying tankers of crude oil exploded following an accident in West Virginia, local concerns have heightened over similar tankers that daily run crude and other chemicals through Philadelphia.

"It's an accident waiting to happen," said Tracy Carluccio, deputy director of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network.

"These trains are rolling through Philadelphia every single day and exposing this city to the kind of disaster that has just been experienced yesterday along the Kanawha River," she said. "That could be the Delaware. That could be the Schuylkill."

Foremost in Carluccio's mind is the January 2014 incident in which a CSX train partially derailed while crossing the 25th Street Viaduct, leaving seven cars at the end of the train dangling over the Schuylkill. No cars fell in the river.

The decaying rail bridge at 25th Street and Washington Avenue in Grays Ferry, on which a CSX train derailed in January 2014 (bottom left). / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Since then, CSX, which owns the bridge and is regulated by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), has stepped up communications with the Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management (OEM), according to OEM executive director Samantha Phillips.

The OEM has real-time access to CSX's train-tracking system.

Additionally, after the partial derailment last year, OEM and CSX ran crude oil derailment scenario drills to evaluate preparedness, Phillips said.

"I'm glad people are seeing what's happening with crude oil and waking up and asking some questions about how prepared they are," she said.

Phillips noted that CSX fixed the 25th Street Viaduct after it received complaints of falling debris there.

The FRA has approved the bridge, which passes over the Schuylkill from West Philly and heads down through South Philly passing over buildings and homes.

JG McMillan, secretary of the West Passayunk Neighbors Association, said that locals still have deep concerns about the safety of the bridge.

CSX did not respond to a request for comment on the status of operations in Philly.

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Catastrophe in West Virginia

The cause of the derailment and explosions in West Virginia had not yet been determined by FRA investigators as of press time.

- No fatalities were reported and only one person reported trouble breathing.
- On Tuesday, oil tankers were still burning and 2,500 residents of Adena Village, near the site of the derailment, had been evacuated.

Quoted

"How can we institute better controls so that ... South Philadelphia doesn't have to live under this cloud of possible derailment or catastrophe?"
McMillan

Rules. Penn State gets new sex assault code

The president of Penn State University has signed off on a sweeping set of guidelines to combat sexual harassment and assault.

The stringent rules, to be put in place over the next 12 months, demand all 34,000 university employees, from janitors to professors and secretaries, report allegations of sexual misconduct, the Inquirer reported.

The school will appoint a special czar to make sure all Title IX matters will be addressed. Title IX is the U.S. law meant to curb sexual discrimination and harassment at schools receiving public funding.

Right now, only campus cops are required to report harassment and assault matters.

JOHN OSWALD

Harrisburg

McCord pleads guilty to campaign extortion

Former Pennsylvania state treasurer Rob McCord's fall from grace is complete.

The recent Wolf appointee pleaded guilty to two counts of extortion on Tuesday in charges relating to his failed run to become the Democratic candidate for governor last year.

McCord, 55, admitted to repeatedly trying to extort upward of $25,000 from an unnamed Philadelphia law firm and $100,000 from a property management firm in western Pennsylvania that both did considerable business with the state.

He threatened to hurt their businesses through his position as state treasurer, according to the prosecutors' account.

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Rob McCord pleaded guilty to charges connected to a failed campaign. / PROVIDED

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Snake eyes for 'gentleman gambler'

The son-in-law of Philly's late law-and-order Mayor Frank Rizzo was sentenced to nearly two years in prison for running a vast, high-roller gambling ring that at its height had 1,000 bettors.

Joe Mastronardo, 64, known as "the gentleman gambler," received 20 months.

Also arrested were Mastronardo's son, Joey; his brother John Mastronardo; and Rizzo's daughter, Joanna. METRO

Joe Mastronardo / PROVIDED

City gets heaviest snowfall of the winter, schools close

Winter. Six weeks after a joke of a blizzard closed the city, Philly got real snow.

Sledders flocked to Belmont Plateau after 5 inches of snow fell on the city overnight. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Public schools were closed and many offices had delayed openings after the heaviest snowfall of the winter hit Philly early Tuesday.

In Philadelphia, the School District of Philadelphia and all Archdiocesan schools were closed due to the snow.

Municipal offices were still open, even though they closed last month for the 1.6-inch dusting that was forecast as a blizzard.

Approximately 430 trucks were dispatched around the region by PennDOT to plow streets for drivers.

With warming temperatures most roads were clear and snow had melted by the afternoon.

Temps are expected to rise to 33 degrees Wednesday, then stay below 20 for the rest of the week. Temps may rise to 35 degrees by Saturday.

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The 5 inches of snow that fell on Philly were the most so far this winter.

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Send your questions about SEPTA services and other issues about the transit agency to sam.newhouse@metro.us. They will be forwarded to Joe Casey who will answer them in a special monthly column here.

What is acceptable proof to show to SEPTA personnel aboard (trains, buses, regional rail, trolley, subways)?
The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has established regulations for the Reduced Transit Fare Program. Under current rules, eligible customers who have been issued a Pennsylvania Disability Transit ID Card or have a Medicare Card can travel on SEPTA for 50 percent of the normal fare rate by displaying either card to the operator, cashier or Regional Rail train conductor. SEPTA staff will be reminded of current reduced fare payment requirements and any future concerns which you may have can be directed to SEPTA's Customer Service Division.

Is there any plan to make improvements to the pedestrian crossing at Whitford Train Station? Currently we have to walk down a set of rickety stairs, then walk under a tunnel underpass. There is a flashing red light that pedestrians activate, but motorists do not feel it is a "real" red light.
SEPTA has reached out to the local police on the enforcement of the flashing red light. We will also meet with the township to see what other possible safety measures can be added and will make spot checks over the next few weeks to see if the situation improves.

Quoted

"SEPTA will continue to monitor ridership on the late-night weekend trains and evaluate if future adjustments are warranted."

Is there a plan to have late-night and weekend trains to all stops west of Malvern? Sometimes I stay late for dinner/drinks or go to a concert/sporting event and find that I either have to leave early or drive in just so I can get home.
SEPTA instituted late-night weekend Regional Rail trips on selected lines based on ridership potential and late-evening ridership levels. The lines chosen, Paoli/Thorndale, Norristown and Trenton had the highest ridership levels in the late evening. In the case of the Paoli/Thorndale Line, ridership at the stations beyond Malvern was much lighter. While at this time there are no plans to expand late-night weekend Regional Rail service, SEPTA will continue to monitor ridership on the late-night weekend trains and evaluate if future adjustments are warranted.

How will SEPTA's so-called "smart cards" handle transfers within the city transit division?
The existing fare structure will not change with the new "smart cards." However, customer choices for payment using the SEPTA Key Card will be changing.

Select SEPTA trains run at night. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Supporters of Obama's immigration actions urged the Justice Department to seek an emergency stay to block the judge's order. / GETTY IMAGES

Judge in Texas suspends immigration orders in US

Illegal immigration. Most in the U.S. come from Mexico and other Latin-American countries.

A judge in Texas has temporarily blocked President Barack Obama's orders to shield millions of people who are in the United States illegally from deportation, backing 26 states that argued Obama had overstepped his legal authority.

The White House said on Tuesday the Justice Department would appeal Monday's action by U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen in Brownsville, a city along the Texas border with Mexico.

Hanen has previously issued opinions critical of the Obama administration's enforcement of immigration laws. An appeal of his preliminary injunction would go to the majority conservative 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said the administration will comply with the injunction and delay accepting applications for deportation relief that had been set to begin today.

The judge issued his opinion amid a fight in the Republican-led U.S. Congress over legislation passed by the House of Representatives to allow funding for the Department of Homeland Security only if Obama's immigration actions were nullified. The department is charged with securing borders, airports and coastal waters.

Neither Republicans nor Democrats showed signs of backing down, especially with the court order being a preliminary one and a ruling on the merits of the states' lawsuit still ahead.

The judge hemmed in Obama's exertion of executive power on Nov. 20 that has drawn the ire of Republican elected officials who say he exceeded his constitutional authority. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"Judge Hanen's decision rightly stops the president's overreach in its tracks."

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, whose state spearheaded the lawsuit

Chris Kyle

Prosecution rests in 'American Sniper' murder trial in Texas

Prosecutors finished calling witnesses on Tuesday in the murder trial of Eddie Ray Routh, who is charged with fatally shooting Chris Kyle, the former Navy SEAL whose autobiography was turned into the hit movie "American Sniper."

Over several days of witnesses' testimony, prosecutors reconstructed the day two years ago when they say Routh, 27, killed Kyle and Kyle's friend Chad Littlefield at a gun range about 70 miles southwest of Fort Worth, stole Kyle's pickup truck and was taken into custody following a high-speed car chase.

EDDIE RAY ROUTH / GETTY IMAGES

Routh's lawyers have not contested accusations that Routh fired the fatal shots. They have contended he was psychotic and did not realize what he was doing. They are trying to have him declared innocent by reason of insanity and said in opening arguments they would call expert witnesses who will attest to Routh's troubled mental state.

Prosecutors are seeking life in prison without the possibility of parole in the trial held in the rural town of Stephenville before a jury of 10 women and two men. **REUTERS**

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Five things you need to know

1 Prosecutor asks for Strauss-Kahn acquittal in French sex trial

A French prosecutor asked a criminal court on Tuesday to acquit former IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn of a pimping charge for his role in what investigating magistrates argued was an organized sex ring using prostitutes.

Strauss-Kahn was tipped to become French president before being accused of sexual assault by a New York hotel chambermaid in 2011. U.S. criminal charges were subsequently dropped, and the allegations that he participated in a French sex ring centered in the northern French city of Lille emerged later.

"Did Dominique Strauss-Kahn pay prostitutes? The answer is no. Did he pimp prostitutes for others? The answer is no," Lille Prosecutor Frederic Fevre told the court before requesting Strauss-Kahn's acquittal.

The prosecution's demand highlighted the difficulty of a potential conviction of Strauss-Kahn, 65. The trial is due to finish this week, with closing statements from the defense on Wednesday, but a verdict is not expected immediately. **REUTERS**

STRAUSS-KAHN /GETTY IMAGES

2 Afghan, Pakistan Taliban kill 28 in attacks on provincial police HQs

Four suicide attackers stormed a provincial police headquarters in eastern Afghanistan on Tuesday, killing 22 police in an attack claimed by the Taliban.

The attack in Logar province outside the capital, Kabul, was the latest to target Afghan security forces following the withdrawal of most foreign combat troops.

In neighboring Pakistan, a Taliban suicide attack on a police headquarters killed at least six other people in the city of Lahore, in what militants called a revenge strike for the hangings of their comrades. **REUTERS**

3 Carnival float accident kills at least 16 in Haiti

At least 16 people were killed and 78 injured early on Tuesday when a carnival float hit a power line in Port-au-Prince, setting off a stampede by bystanders, officials said.

Amateur video of the incident showed the electric cable catching singer Fantom on the float as it passed near the presidential stand packed with spectators. Most of the victims were trampled to death in the stampede after the float struck a power cable. **REUTERS**

4 Bomb threat at Islamic center in Texas capital

A man in his 50s was arrested for making threats on Tuesday to bomb an Islamic center in Austin and a restaurant specializing in Middle Eastern food, Austin police said.

No bombs were discovered at the locations in different parts of the city and police are considering whether to bring terrorism charges against the man, who was not immediately identified. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"Our bomb squad responded and cleared both sites."

A spokeswoman for the Austin police, adding the man may be mentally disturbed

5 Some states rule out rescue for Obamacare

Five Republican state governors say they will not rescue a crucial part of Obamacare if it is struck down by the Supreme Court, underlining the prospect for a chaotic aftermath to a ruling that could force millions of Americans to pay much more for coverage or lose their insurance.

The Supreme Court is due to hear opening arguments in the case known as King v. Burwell on March 4, marking the second major challenge to President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act after the justices ruled in 2012 against a claim that it was unconstitutional. **REUTERS**

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US identifying people to target for role in 2008 mortgage crisis

2008. The government has been criticized for not bringing cases against top executives.

A trader looks on from the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in 2008. / GETTY IMAGES

Attorney General Eric Holder said on Tuesday he has given federal prosecutors a 90-day deadline to decide whether they can bring cases against individuals for their roles in the 2008 financial crisis.

Attorneys who brought cases against institutions over misconduct in the pooling and sale of residential mortgage-backed securities have been asked "to try to develop cases against individuals and to report back in 90 days with regard to whether they think they can successfully bring criminal or civil cases against those individuals," Holder said in a public appearance at the National Press Club.

The Justice Department, in conjunction with other authorities, extracted record penalties from major banks in 2013 and 2014 for inappropriately marketing risky mortgage securities in the run-up to the financial crisis.

JPMorgan Chase agreed to a $13 billion deal in November 2013; Citigroup signed a $7 billion settlement in July 2014; and Bank of America reached a $16.65 billion agreement in August.

The government cases came out of a task force formed by President Barack Obama in 2012 to probe misconduct that contributed to the crisis. REUTERS

Quoted

"I think what we have done has been appropriate. ... To the extent that individuals have not been prosecuted, people should understand it is not for lack of trying."

Holder

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WSJ: Apple orders 5-6 million new watches

Gadget. The watch will have a price tag that starts at $349.

Apple has asked its Asian suppliers to make 5-6 million units of its three Apple Watch models for the first-quarter, the Wall Street Journal reported, citing people familiar with the matter.

Taiwan-based Quanta Computer, the sole assembler of the Apple Watch, started mass production earlier this year to get ready for an April launch, the Journal said.

Thousands will work around the clock during the Chinese New Year holidays at Quanta's factory in Changshu, China, the newspaper reported, quoting one person.

The entry-level Apple Watch Sport model accounts for half the production order, while the mid-tiered Apple Watch will count for a third, one person told the WSJ.

The high-end Apple Watch Edition with 18-karat gold casing, is expected to have relatively small orders in the first quarter, but Apple plans to produce more than 1 million units per month in the second quarter, the Journal reported, citing the person. REUTERS

Apple Watch

Some of the features:

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The licensing changes announced by the U.S. Treasury will cover personal devices such as computers, mobile phones, radios and digital cameras, and related software and services, U.S. officials said. / GETTY IMAGES

The United States on Tuesday eased restrictions on the export of some personal telecommunications devices to Sudan such as smartphones and computers, to help give ordinary Sudanese greater access to social networking and the Internet.

"These changes are consistent with our commitment to promote freedom of expression through access to communications tools," U.S. special envoy to Sudan and South Sudan Donald Booth told reporters.

The revised rules will be effective Feb. 18, Booth said.

The United States has expressed concern about continuing human rights violations by the Khartoum government, violence in the western Darfur region and a crackdown on the media before April elections.

Sudan is struggling with a raft of U.N. and bilateral sanctions, including from the United States. Its ruling National Congress party last year chose President Omar Hassan al-Bashir, wanted on charges of genocide by the International Criminal Court, as its candidate for the presidential vote.

Booth said the United States had "great concern" with reports that Sudanese national security agencies seized the print runs of 12 to 14 newspapers on Monday.

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Today, Tyra Banks is negotiating her workout, Justin Bieber cannot stop going on "Ellen," Joel McHale just had his mind blown at Whole Foods and Jaden Smith has a perfectly valid question.

@tyrabanks: I'm gonna dip my finger deep into that cookie butter then get my ass on my treadmill. Or maybe I'll dip and run at same time

@justinbieber: @TheEllenShow see u this week :)

@joelmchale: Holy crap quinoa has had a remarkable last two years.

@officialjaden: Yeah Yeah, But How Many Pull Ups Can You Do.

1 Kardashians want Amber Rose to quit keeping up with them

What started out as some pretty decent shade-throwing by Amber Rose over rapper pal Tyga taking up with 17-year-old Kylie Jenner has broken out into an all-out Twitter war. And who doesn't love a good Twitter war? Rose first angered the Kardashian clan by telling Power 105 that Jenner is "a baby; she needs to go to bed at 7 o'clock and relax." Which doesn't seem like such terrible advice, but resident tallest Kardashian Khloe apparently took some offense, mounting a tweet-based offensive on Rose. "Please don't worry about my sister who has a career and her s— together at only 17. People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones. Please stop talking about us in interviews, mama. None of us talk about you." There were also some frog and coffee cup emojis thrown in, for some reason. This is huge, though, as it quite possibly marks the first time a Kardashian has ever asked someone not to pay attention to them.

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2 Jessica Williams denies she's Jon Stewart's successor

In the immediate aftermath of Jon Stewart announcing his departure from "The Daily Show," a lot of people across the Internet voiced their support for current "Daily Show" correspondent Jessica Williams to take over. Well, Williams heard you but will have to politely decline. "I'm not hosting. Thank you, but I am extremely under-qualified for the job!" she tweeted. "I am super not right for it, but there are quite a few people who are! Can't wait to stick around and see what happens."

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3 Spanish artist gives A-listers plus-size makeovers

DAVID LOPERA/NEWS DOG MEDIA

This should make the debate about body image issues a little more interesting. While famous women suffer punishing workouts to tone up and slim down, a 20-year-old Spanish artist is taking to Photoshop to plump them up. Like, by a lot. David Lopera has been doing custom images for clients making celebrities like Kim Kardashian, Katy Perry and Mila Kunis significantly rounder. And, he tells the Daily Mail, business is booming. "Men are always writing to me asking if I can make their [celebrity] crushes look a bit fatter," he says. "These women look much better when they're overweight. … Look at my pictures and you will see that big is beautiful."

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Trey Songz's new single "Slow Motion" reached No. 8 on iTunes. / GETTY IMAGES

Trey Songz is at the top of his game

Interview. His tour with Chris Brown is finally underway and the R&B singer is more than ready to take the stage.

Trey Songz's new single may be called "Slow Motion," but it's clear he lives life in the fast lane. Steadily releasing a new album every two years with A-list collaborations ("Trigga" boasts hits with Nicki Minaj, Juicy J and Young Jeezy), his latest debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200.

Why he says "Trigga" is his best album yet: Songz isn't shy about his success. "I've grown throughout the years and have become so seasoned, understanding what I mean to R&B music, hip-hop and pop culture," he tells us. "To have a full body of work that I'm very proud of is something I love."

His thoughts on break-ups: Not all Songz's hits are about one-night stands. "What's Best For You" is about moving on after a breakup, which is one of the more sensitive songs on "Trigga." When we asked Songz for his personal tips for moving on, he doesn't seem to have dwelled on being broken-hearted. "It's quite simple," he tells us. "A breakup is about separating yourself from somebody, so you need to focus on bettering yourself. Life isn't about getting hung up on moments, it's about making moments."

Smooth talker

How to always get the girl

One listen to tracks like "Touchin, Lovin" and "All We Do" shows that Songz doesn't struggle with leaving the club alone. But he says his secret isn't using fame or bottle service, it's being genuine and honest: "It's not about when you're out. It's about when you're talking to a woman and not having it be about anything else except that woman in that moment. Being genuine is going to get you there."

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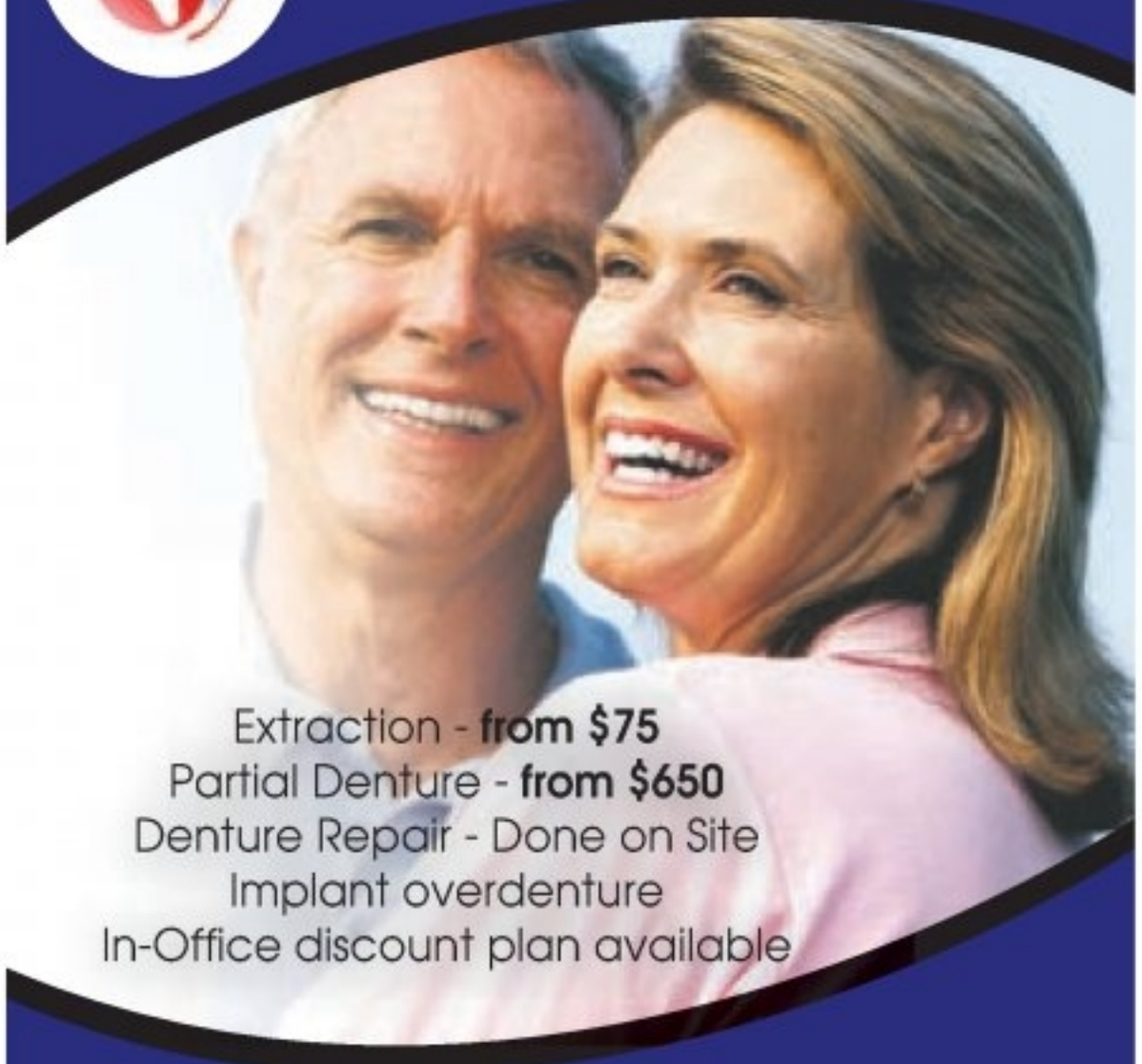

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A shieldmaiden takes charge

Interview.
Katheryn Winnick says her Viking warrior will face some challenges as a woman in power on "Vikings."

"Vikings" returns tomorrow at 10 p.m. on History.
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The world of "Vikings" is one filled with violence, unpredictability and the constant threat of danger. It's also one in which Lagertha (Katheryn Winnick) manages to thrive, despite the rarity of a woman being in a position of power. Last season saw her go from main character Ragnar's wife to an abusive new marriage to a position of authority as earl of her own territory. We asked Katheryn Winnick about what's ahead for her.

Where do we find Lagertha in Season 3?
She has a lot more conflicts and struggles, now being a woman in power, but she's also a free woman, and she doesn't have a husband or an ex-husband to worry about, or an abusive husband. She got rid of him, stabbed him in the eye, one of my favorite scenes. So you will see her in a different light, which was a lot of fun for me to play.

Do the men she rules over in her territory accept her as their leader?
That's yet to be discovered. I feel like she feels like she has the right to be an earl. I think her intention is doing the right thing for her territory, and she's such a moral character that I know that she will be a strong leader. How others take her authority is the question. It's probably very similar to women who are CEOs of companies today, and how to deal with a woman who is your boss. So that is something that will get explored a bit.

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Twitter life

Web warrior

The show has a really active online fan base. What's that like for you?
It's a little surreal, to be honest with you. It's overwhelming, especially the tattoos that people get of Lagertha's face. It's crazy. I get them at least once a week, someone tagging me on their latest tattoo of Lagertha, and I'm thinking, wow, this is dedication, this is amazing! And on the other hand, I'm thinking, I hope we don't get canceled! You're stuck with me for life! But I love it.

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David Cross plays the 'Hits'

Interview. The actor didn't want his directorial debut, "Hits," to just be seen on the small screen.

David Cross wants you to see his directorial debut, "Hits," so he's given you multiple ways to see it. It's on VOD, just like many other independently financed films. But it's also available in a pay-what-you-want deal on BitTorrent, and in some theaters. The film follows a fire-breathing Fox News watcher (Matt Walsh) who is turned into an Internet celebrity by hipsters.

The film is pretty savage about Brooklyn hipsters.
Before I lived [in NYC], I was in L.A., and I spent all my time in Silver Lake. That's kind of the equivalent of Williamsburg. And then when I was in London, I was in Shoreditch, which is also a hipster center. So I can't escape these people.

The film is outraged by three groups: hipsters, millennials and old red state hotheads.
Dave is an amalgamation of a bunch of different people. There's a line the weed dealer [Michael Cera] says: "Just Google 'crazy motherf—ers at a town meeting.'" That's a real thing. I just Googled that and got a f—ing treasure trove of those people in some form of mental incapacity. A lot of what he says is taken directly from various YouTube clips of people ranting.

Matt Walsh plays a hotheaded red state type, but there's something sad and sympathetic about him. He's misguided, but not evil.
I sympathize with him. I just feel he's a little off, and he's easily manipulated, and he's very susceptible. He watches Fox News and listens to Alex Jones on the radio. ... I grew up in Roswell, Georgia, before I came to liberal, progressive cities. My family is still in Atlanta. I know that guy very well — very, very well. I have sympathy for his situation.

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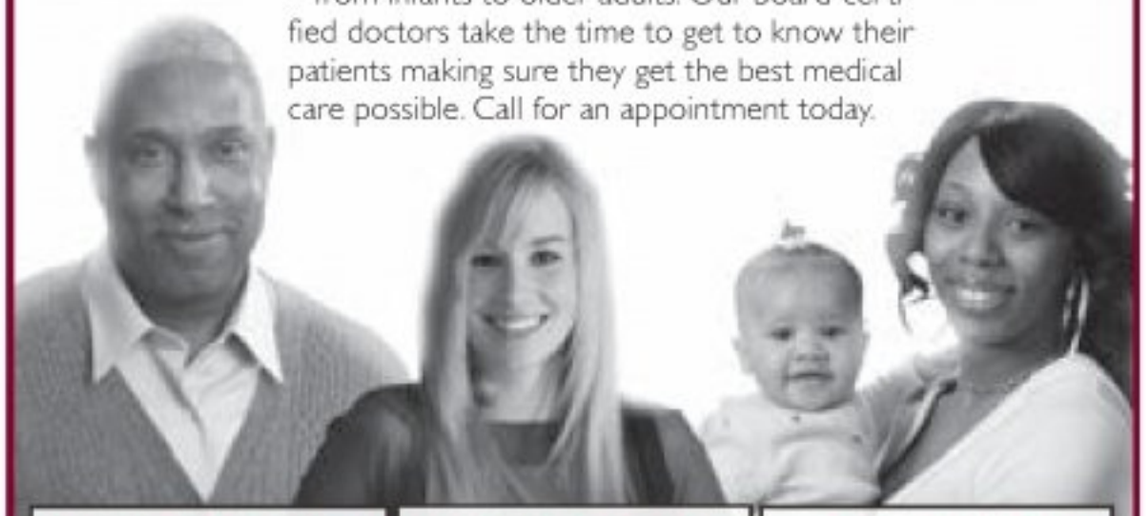

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"When we had parties, he would play his acoustic guitar alone, 10 feet away from everyone, and then cry when girls asked him why he wasn't hanging out with everyone. His room smelled like the SPCA." **CHRIS, PHILADELPHIA**

"My roommate has a knack for doing laundry drunk. Last night, instead of using detergent, she just threw about 40 dryer sheets in the wash with a bunch of plastic bags and some newspaper. Worked great." **BRITTANY, LOS ANGELES**

"I tried for weeks to humanely evict a mouse. Came home to a brick of cheese on the counter with a note: 'For the mouse to snack on.' The mouse brought friends and had a feast." **MAGGIE, PHILADELPHIA**

"She had my photo set as the background on her phone. We had known each other for less than a month." **JAMIE, NEW YORK**

"'I think your pan is broken. Whenever I use it, it burns something,' said the dumbest person I've ever had the misfortune to know and live with." **NICK, PHILADELPHIA**

"My old roommate would come home hammered and ride her track bike around the house banging into stuff — and not remember how she got huge bruises." **NICOLE, PHILADELPHIA**

"I found a public health major off Craigslist in need of a room. I lived with him for about a year, and in that time I could count the number of toilet flushes and showers on one hand. The smell was unreal." **PTAH, PHILADELPHIA**

For harmonious living, talk to your roomie about problems face to face. / ISTOCK

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The first step to understanding your roommate is understanding yourself and recognizing what are legitimate deal breakers — and what are your own quirks you might have to adjust.

Communicate face to face

Texts can sound snippy. Emails can sound stuffy. Post-It notes can sound psychotic. If you can't deal with the way he flicks toothpaste all over the bathroom mirror, talk to him — face to face, human to human — about it. You'll be more polite when you have to experience his reaction, and he'll be more receptive when he sees your concern.

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How to survive your roommates

Have a real relationship

Your roommate has seen your slobbery retainer, watched you cry at commercials, heard you have sex, and smelled you that time you didn't shower for three days. You have no choice but to have a disturbing amount of intimacy, so it's worth trying to round out the relationship. Have dinner together once in awhile, invite her out with your friends and get to know her as a person. There's a good chance she'll accidentally see you naked someday — don't make this any weirder than it has to be.

Sleepovers

Conflicts about significant others are some of the most common — and ugly — roommate problems. For this, we called in an expert: author Anna Goldfarb, founder of dating blog Shmitten Kitten and ace advice columnist for The Frisky. Here are her top tips.

- Be up front about what's acceptable and what's not. "Have a hookup charter," recommends Goldfarb. "Agree upon times that dates come over, maximum overnight stays and the consequences if someone breaks it."

ANNA GOLDFARB
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- What you do in the bedroom is your own business, but respect common areas when it comes to date night. "You can't take over the kitchen finessing your scallop noodles for four hours," she says. "And don't do movie marathons on the couch, covered in blankets — this isn't your bunker."
- Above all, have some basic manners when you have a guest over and remember that sharing is caring. "Always share the food and the booze," she says. "It makes everyone forget about inconveniences."

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Donna Karan

"The glamour of the New York skyline" informed Donna Karan's fall show — doesn't it always? Yet, Karan brought new life to city-slicker basics, imbuing her hard chic with romance: tuxedo shirts with blouson sleeves, pinstripe pencil skirts spliced with silk chiffon insets and tied with obi belts, and fabulous, swinging topcoats rendered in rich gold brocade or embellished with beading. (The black evening dresses that closed the show were standouts too.)

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Tommy Hilfiger

Tommy Hilfiger knows how to commit to a theme. For his 30th anniversary show he declared his love for '70s style icon Ali MacGraw and football — on a fun, "Friday Night Lights" set complete with Jumbotron. The results: preppy varsity sweaters, swingy kick-pleat skirts and dresses with athletic stripes in navy, burgundy and mustard. But MVP goes to the outerwear, specifically all the glam winter white faux-fur coats. The shoes resembling footballs, however, were an overkill.

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motion on the runway

Rag & Bone

Forget our current obsession with athletic wear. Designers David Neville and Marcus Wainwright know we just want stay in our pajamas. Models in lacy slip dresses layered over long-sleeve tees and tailored ankle-length pants stormed the runway. Sound too flimsy for the cold temps? Tough outerwear like shiny Missy Elliott-esque puffers, leather quilted bombers and techy parkas (the designers site '90s hip-hop as inspiration) are a city girl's protective armor. **TC**

Zac Posen

Posen's disparate muses for fall included Grace Kelly and Chaka Khan — and, you know, his collection actually did capture something of Kelly's timeless elegance and Khan's fabulous fierceness. See: a plum jersey day dress with a swingy ballet skirt that would make any gal sashay, the fur chubbies done in rich emerald and saffron, the exquisitely draped jersey dresses that evoked the glamour of both 1930s Hollywood and 1970s disco. The one misstep: the OTT glittery bustier ball gown that closed the show. **RL**

Alice + Olivia

Stacey Bendet was inspired by — surprise! — the '70s this fall, particularly swinging London and the Rolling Stones. Bendet's label has always been a little boho, a little rock 'n' roll, and she translated the louche excess of the era through her own girlie maximalist lens: brocade mini dresses worn with embellished go-go boots, beaded matador jackets paired with gold pleated skirts, and long tapestry dusters worn with studded hot pants. **RL**

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Nutrition. Eat your way to healthy skin.

All the moisturizer in the world can't hold up to what Mother Nature has been doling out lately. Besides treating your skin more gently — you're taking shorter showers, using mild soaps and patting yourself dry instead of rubbing, right? — these foods will help you keep it healthy from the inside out.

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The rest

- **Olive oil:** Whether it's the polyphenols keeping free radicals at bay or monounsaturated fatty acids lubricating skin from the inside out, a 2012 study found that women who ate more than two teaspoons a day showed over 30 percent fewer signs of aging. Look for the cold-pressed and extra virgin kind, which doesn't lose nutrients during processing.
- **Tomatoes:** Besides the natural SPF-boosting lycopene (cook the fruit to get the most benefit), the selenium in tomatoes is an immune-booster that guards against skin damage and age spots.
- **Sardines:** Give these little fish a try — their omega-3 content is similar to salmon, and those healthy fatty acids are working to keep skin supple by supporting elasticity.
- **Kale:** As if kale needed another thing to add to its résumé. For your skin, it contains the powerful antioxidants lutein and zeaxanthin that eliminate free radicals. Bonus: Kale also contains vitamins C and skin-firming A.
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♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20 An older relative or friend will need assistance. Honesty will help you avoid becoming the subject of gossip. Positive actions will bring the best results.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20 Join a group that will help you to develop your skills, knowledge and social ability. Extracurricular activities will keep you entertained.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21 Don't allow romance to interfere with your performance. You will excel in both aspects of life if you set boundaries.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20 The success you are after will be yours if you can employ your ability to win allies. Your charisma is an asset; don't be shy, use it.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22 Someone will take advantage of your good nature. Refuse to let anyone talk you into doing something that could jeopardize your reputation.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22 You'll have trouble making up your mind. Refrain from making a hasty decision. Get the facts first if you want to avoid backtracking.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Jealousy will mount at work due to false information being spread. Don't be too trusting. Keep your personal details private.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Take time to do things that you enjoy. Get together with a friend or join the youngsters for some playtime. Do whatever takes your mind off uncertainties.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Relationships with the people you live with will be tumultuous. Focus on putting in extra hours at work, or pursue an activity.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21 With a few changes, you will achieve your goal. Past experience will be a valuable resource when you are making plans.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Don't let the regrets in your life overpower you. Let go of the past and learn from your errors so you can move forward.

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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Letters to the editor

Metro ignores hockey

This may come as a shock to your sports writers, but there is another active sport other than baseball, football and basketball in the tristate area with two teams in playoff contention. For some reason, hockey coverage is passed over for ranting commentaries by your sports writers. After all, Amar'e Stoudemire's buyout, Bill Belichick's legacy, Phil Jackson's executive moves and interviews with Horace Grant have been used in the sports section as opposed to the Rangers and Islanders. They both happened to play each other on Monday, fighting for playoff positioning.

JASON LUGO, VIA EMAIL

Bible doesn't like vegans

Re: 'A healthy, holy diet' (Metro, Feb. 17) If you're considering whether the Bible endorses veganism, consider Romans 14: "One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables." Consider the first chapter of Leviticus, wherein God instructs Moses in the ritual slaughter and fiery destruction of bulls. There are abundant medical and ethical reasons to forego meat without consulting an inconsistent, inaccurate collection of Bronze Age folk tales.

SCOTT PERRY, VIA EMAIL

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22 Champagne go-withs
24 Appeal earnestly
26 Plunging neckline
27 Teen occupation
30 Extend coverage
35 Leif's language
36 Recline lazily
37 Like a wafer
38 Stun
39 Defeat soundly
42 Aardvark prey
43 Falafel bean
45 Eye amorously
46 Divert
48 A place for everything
50 Less fresh
51 Belly dance instrument
52 Yard tools
54 Helped out
58 "Canoe" trees
62 Strait-laced one
63 Nefertiti's god
65 Mystique
66 Keepsake
67 Woman, but not she
68 Very, informally
69 Garbo or Bergman
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4 Leaves out
5 Fuzzier
6 Helen, in Spain
7 LP speed
8 Autumn pear
9 Verified
10 Most blithe
11 "Voila!" (hyph.)
12 Route for Ben-Hur
13 Paddle cousins
21 Skips town
23 St. Theresa's town
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28 Hawkeye
29 Fountain for wishes
31 Model -- Macpherson
32 Trailer rental (hyph.)
33 Dishwasher cycle
34 Put in the ledger
36 Journey parts
40 Huge crowd
41 Supply a banquet
44 Dodged
47 Lash darkener
49 City in Oregon
50 Facts, slangily
53 Roughly
54 Casts a vote
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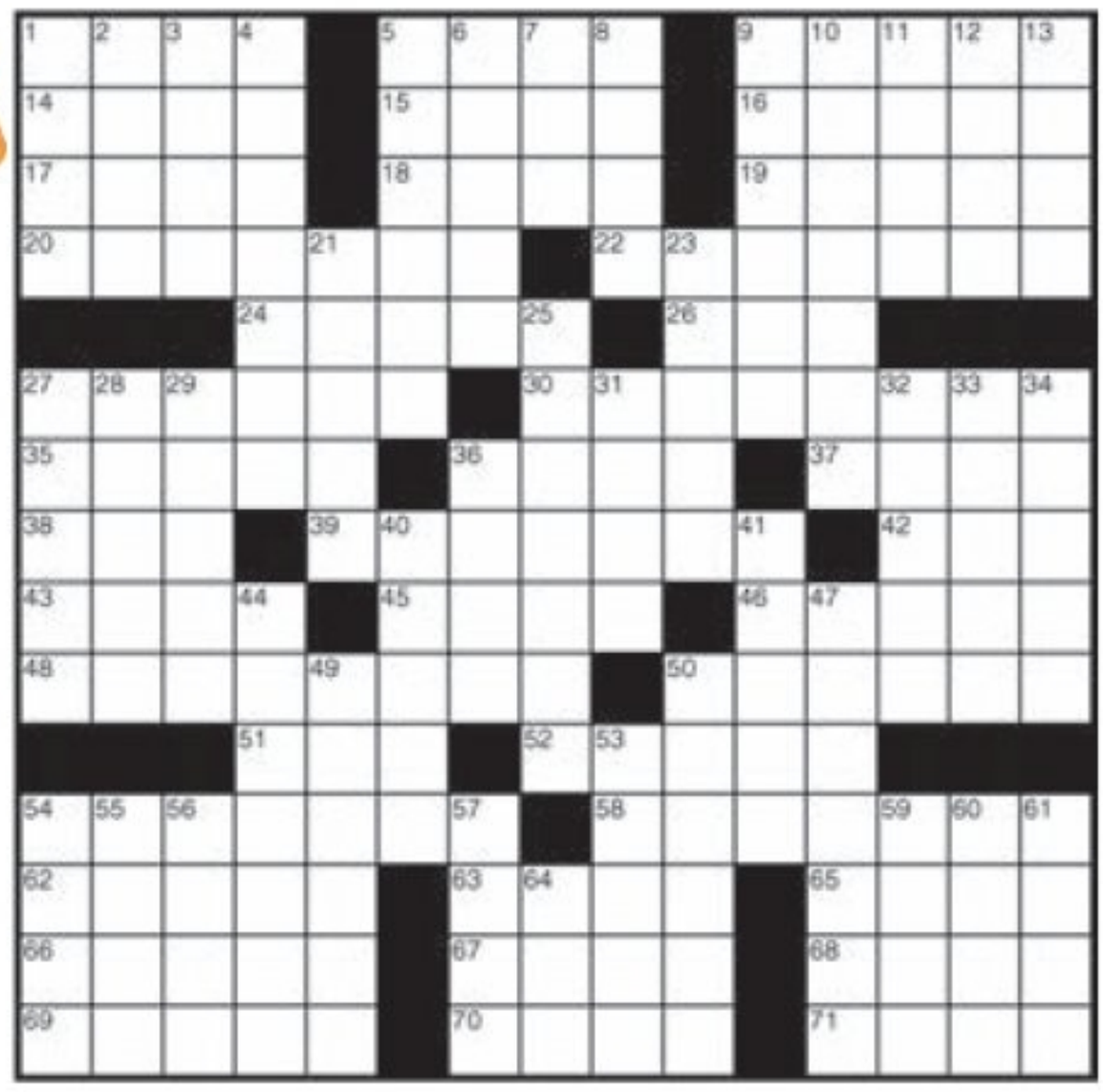

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Eagles news

Allen disgusted by arrest

A day after it was reported that Nate Allen was arrested and released in Fort Myers, FL, for indecent exposure, the Eagles' safety spoke out. "It's disgusting to even be associated with something like this," Allen told a newspaper Tuesday. "Just the fact that there's an accusation with my name..."

Sizing up the Phillies'

MLB. Pitchers and catchers officially report to Clearwater for the Phillies Wednesday as spring training 2015 begins.

It wasn't that long ago that the Phillies entered spring training with the much vaunted "Four Aces."

Only two of those arms are part of the rotation, at least for now. All eyes will be on Cole Hamels and Cliff Lee when pitchers and catchers report but for different reasons.

Hamels, who has been on the trading block throughout the hot stove season, is still a Phillie.

If King Cole isn't dealt, he will be the opening day starter April 6 versus the Red Sox, who need an ace but reportedly haven't impressed Ruben Amaro with their offers.

Lee is coming back from a flexor tendon strain, which caused the fast-working lefty to miss three-quarters of the 2014 season. It's all but a foregone conclusion that Lee will be traded mid-season if he is healthy and effective.

For now, Hamels and Lee are the expected top of the Phillies rotation. If Hamels pitches like he did last season, and Lee approximates what he's done when he was healthy, those are two reasons to see the Phillies play in April and May.

After that, it gets really iffy. Can Aaron Harang, who was surprisingly solid in '14, repeat what he did during his bounceback season with the Braves? Considering how Harang (12-12, 3.57 ERA) attracted little interest until the Phillies signed him, most organizations believe it was

For how much longer will Cole Hamels and Cliff Lee roam the Phillies dugout together? / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

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pitchers as they report

an aberration. But the Phillies signed the hulking right-hander to a $5 million one-season deal. Harang can't be any worse than A.J. Burnett, can he?

David Buchanan impressed by keeping the Phillies in nearly every game he pitched last season. Buchanan won't blow anyone away with his pedestrian velocity, but he is cerebral and scrappy.

Just prior to extending Cole Hamels to his $144 million contract, Mitch Williams told Metro that the Phillies should trade the lanky ace to the Angels for Mark Trumbo and Jerome Williams. The Phillies never acquired the strikeout machine, but Williams pitched decently after being picked up by the Phillies. During the last two months of the season, Williams showed flashes.

Expect Jonathan Papelbon to stay with the club and close. Papelbon is hardly a charmer in the clubhouse, and he left his best stuff in Boston, but he's still a capable closer. The bullpen is the most volatile part of a ball club, but Ken Giles is for real. He figures to be as good as any setup man in the game with his 98 mph fastball and devastating slider. Giles is reminiscent of Brad Lidge when "Lights Out" was an Astro.

Jake Diekman can actually get better. Perhaps this is the season when Diekman dominates both left-handed and right-handed hitters. Justin De Fratus kept making strides last season. Mario Hollands was strong last season, and he could improve. Expect each of those relievers to leave for Philadelphia at the end of the Grapefruit League season.

The wild card of the bunch is Chad Billingsley. Ruben Amaro took a flier on the former Dodger starter who was effective back in the Phillies' glory days. Can Billingsley become the Aaron Harang of '15. If so, he would make for great trade bait.

Andy Oliver is an intriguing arm. The 27-year-old lefty is a Rule 5 selection who struck out 87 in 64 innings at Triple-A Indianapolis, but he also walked 47. If Oliver can locate, perhaps the Phillies have a solid bullpen arm.

This is the end of the line for Phillippe Aumont. The massive Canadian, who is the last piece of the disastrous Cliff Lee deal, is out of options. Can he throw strikes? Will he stick?

Enjoy the Phillies hurlers, they figure to be the highlight of the season since the rest of the squad appears to be offensively challenged.

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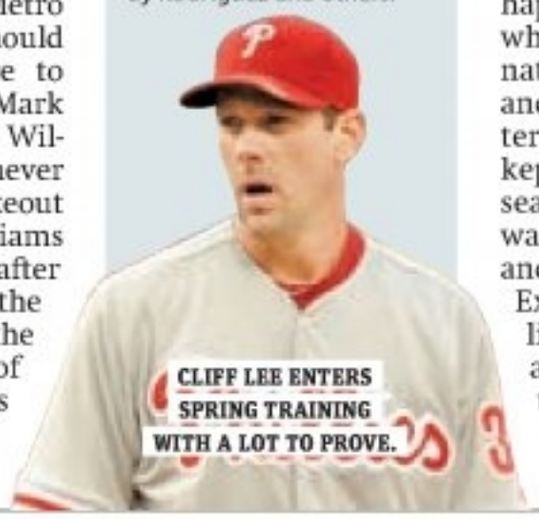
The rotation

1. LHP Cole Hamels, (108-83, 3.27 ERA)
2. LHP Cliff Lee (143-91, 3.52 ERA)
3. RHP Aaron Harang (121-128, 4.21 ERA)
4. RHP David Buchanan (6-8, 3.75 ERA)
5. Candidates include Jerome Williams, Chad Billingsley, Miguel Alfredo Gonzalez, Aaron Nola, Wandy Rodriguez and others.


CLIFF LEE ENTERS SPRING TRAINING WITH A LOT TO PROVE.

The bullpen

1. Closer: Jonathan Papelbon (325 saves, 2.37 ERA)
2. Setup man: Ken Giles (3-1, 1.18 ERA in 2014)
3. Setup man: Jake Diekman (3.49 ERA, 11.6 K/9)
4. Middle reliever: Justin De Fratus (3.08 ERA)
5. Middle reliever: Andy Oliver (rule 5 draft pick)
6. Middle reliever: Phillippe Aumont (10.2 K/9 in minors)
7. More bullpen candidates include Elvis Araujo, Mario Hollands, Ethan Martin, Hector Neris and Luis Garcia, to name few.

Calling the shots

CARLOS RUIZ.

Phillies thin at catcher behind Ruiz

Carlos Ruiz will once again catch. Ruiz has been a terrific Phillie, but he has extremely high mileage on his odometer. There's little behind Ruiz.

There's Cameron Rupp and Tommy Joseph. Rupp could be a decent major league backup. We'll see how that turns out, if the Phillies don't pick up a veteran catcher during camp. Joseph, who is only 23, hopes to succeed Ruiz someday and become a major league catcher with a strong bat. But the big question is whether Joseph can stay healthy. **ED CONDRAN**

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Star alumnus says Nova is real deal

NCAA. Randy Foye, former Wildcat and current Denver Nugget, sees a lot of himself in this year's players.

Phil Booth is a valuable guard off the bench for Nova. / GETTY IMAGES

With Randy Foye in the house Monday, Villanova took command from the outset and made sure there would be no repeat of last month's overtime upset in Newark, pounding Seton Hall into submission, 80-54. The Wildcats' No. 9 career-leading scorer couldn't help but be impressed.

"It's the first chance I've seen them in person since they retired my number," said the 31-year-old Foye, currently playing for the Denver Nuggets in his ninth NBA season. "I catch them on TV whenever I can. They definitely remind me of our 2006 team."

Those Wildcats went 28-5, earning the top seed in the East and advancing to the Elite Eight before being knocked off by eventual champ Florida. These No. 6 Wildcats are now 24-2, off to the best start in school history, having convincingly avenged defeats against Georgetown and now The Hall. While all five starters reached double figures, the player who caught Foye's eye the most played only 13 minutes.

"Phil Booth reminds me of myself," said Foye of the 6-foot-3-inch freshman from Baltimore who scored eight while handing out three assists. "I like his long-range shooting and his ability to create from the set offense."

Booth, who upon hearing of Foye's assessment, was stunned.

"That caught me off-guard," he smiled. "That's very complimentary coming from a big-time player like that. I only got to see him, bits and pieces, when he was in college because I was a lot younger."

But head coach Jay Wright says the comparison has some merit.

"I see a combination of Randy Foye and Allan Ray," he said of the 1-2 punch on that Nova team, which also had current NBA all-star Kyle Lowry. "He's the same size and does some of the same things as Randy, some of Allan's shooting ability."

Eventually — probably as soon as next season — Booth figures he will get his chance. He's content to wait.

"When I get the call, I come in on the fly," Booth said. "My mindset is 'defense first; offense will come.' We'll see how it goes next year."

This year, though, this poised, balanced Villanova team seems like one to avoid, having completed a 5-0 run over the last 12 days to build a two-game lead in the Big East. But the Wildcats know better than to look any further ahead than Saturday's game at Marquette.

"You have to fight human nature," conceded Wright, "If they can stay in one-game-at-a-time, we'll see where we are at the end of the season."

Don't be shocked if that end of the season doesn't come until April in Indianapolis.

Quoted

"They're tough. They've got a lot of shooters and a good big man. I think they have what's necessary to make a big [NCAA tournament] run." Randy Foye

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Will 76ers make deal at deadline?

NBA. With the trade deadline looming Thursday, the 76ers are in much different shape than they were just one year ago.

Luc Richard Mbah a Moute is one of the 76ers' few veterans, and he could be traded Thursday. /GETTY IMAGES

In 2014, the 76ers were undoubtedly the most active team around the trade deadline.

They dealt veterans left and right, parting with Evan Turner, Lavoy Allen and Thaddeus Young, among others, leaving themselves with no veteran leadership whatsoever.

As the entire league watches Sam Hinkie and his unprecedented rebuilding process continue into another spring, there are a bevy of options for the 76ers at the deadline.

The least likely, contrary to recent history, is shipping off talent to contenders for draft picks.

Philly currently has five draft picks stockpiled for the 2015 event in June, with one first-round pick and four second-rounders.

The Sixers' have had great success with 2014 second-rounder K.J. McDaniels and may try to use the draft picks to take a few more high-risk chances with second-round players in 2015.

Had Tony Wroten remained healthy, he was a leading candidate to be traded, but he is expected to remain with the club as he rehabs a recent injury.

The 76ers also could add a veteran to help the team prepare to contend in two or three seasons. Nuggets guard Aaron Afflalo is a great fit for Philly and could help the young guards develop as the team continues to grow — but there will be stiff competition for him from other teams.

And finally, the 76ers will undoubtedly offer their services and salary cap room to other teams who need to dump some payroll. Don't be surprised if Philly is involved in a three-team deal that doesn't net the team much in de facto assets.

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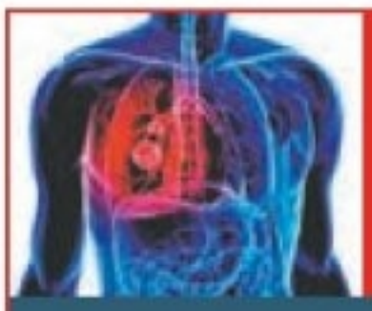

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Faculty members, administrators, students, community professionals and the public are invited to address the CAA visitors from 4:30-5:15 p.m. on Thursday March 5, 2015 in the Boardroom (W400) of Salus University, 8360 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027.

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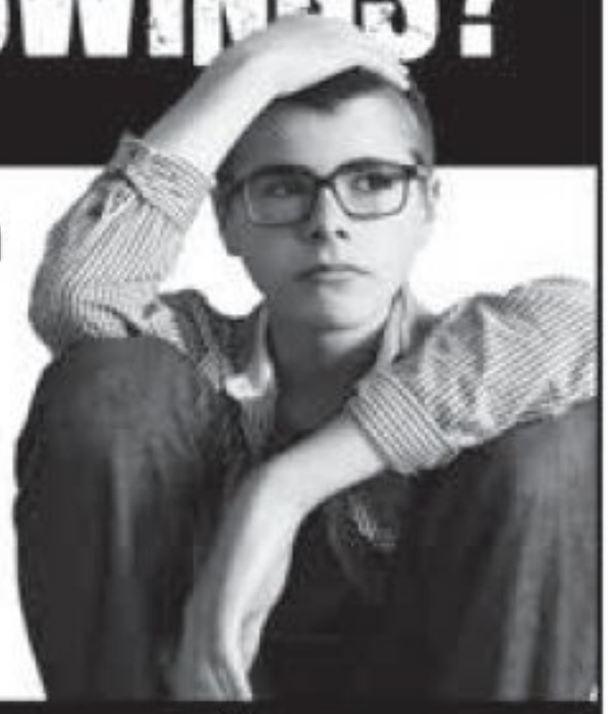

- ✓ Investigational medication
- ✓ Study-related care from a local doctor
- ✓ Possible compensation for time & travel

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